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Dear Examiner Tawfik:

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed February 10, 2005, in which the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement, Applicant respectfully elects, with traverse, the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-14 directed to an extruded polymeric void board.

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Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution and allowance of the present application, or address any outstanding formal issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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